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COMPACMISLAN ATTN F.E. JANZEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, BR

SUBJECT: DOPPLER TRACKING STATION

REF: A. BRASILIA 3628

B. RIO DE JANEIRO 2226

1. EXISTING DOPPLER TRACKING STATION AT SAO JOSE DOS CAMPOS, BRAZIL, IS IN GOOD LOCATION BUT COST OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS INCREASED TO UNACCEPTABLE RATE. THIS TRACKING STATION IS PART OF DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY'S (DMA) WORLDWIDE GEODETIC DOPPLER TRACKING NETWORK. THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE (PMR) OPERATES THIS STATION UNDER CONTRACT TO DMA.

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2. TO RESOLVE COMMUNICATION COST PROBLEM, MR. FRED JANZEN

OF PMR VISITED BRAZIL IN APRIL 1973 AND IN COORDINATION WITH SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE LOCATED SATISFACTORY ALTERNATE SITE ON GOVERNOR'S ISLAND IN RIO. DMA DESIRES TO RELOCATE THE DOPPLER STATION TO THIS NEW SITE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1973. IF STATION IS RELOCATED, U.S. NAVY WOULD PROVIDE REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS AND BRAZILIAN NAVY RESEARCH LABORATORY WOULD HOUSE DOPPLER TRACKING FACILITY AT NEW PROPOSED SITE. U.S. WOULD PAY COSTS REQUIRED TO RELOCATE DOPPLER TRACKING STATION FROM SAO JOSE DOS CAMPOS TO GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, RIO.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE WITH GOB THE POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING TRACKING STATION TO RIO. IF SUCH RELOCATION AS OUTLINED ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOB, DMA WILL PREPARE TEXT OF AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO GOB.

4. IF YOUR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS INDICATE THAT GOB WILL NOT ACCEPT THE RELOCATION AND SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGREEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD DEFER FURTHER ACTION ON AGREEMENT WHILE DMA REVIEWS ITS PROGRAM. FYI. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE IS FOR DMA TO WITHDRAW THE PERMANENT TRACKING FACILITY IN FAVOR OF PERIODIC DEPLOYMENTS OF A MOBILE (MAN PORTABLE) DOPPLER TRACKER AND TEAM TO BRAZIL. END FYI.

5. MR. DAVID D. BYARS, DMA, HAS BEEN INVITED TO BRAZIL BY BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF CARTOGRAPHY TO ATTEND VI BRAZILIAN CONGRESS ON CARTOGRAPHY BETWEEN 15-21 JULY 1973. HE IS DMA ACTION OFFICER FOR ALL DOPPLER TRACKING OPERATIONS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THIS SUBJECT WHILE IN BRAZIL. RUSH

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